

A regular monthly meeting of Middleton Town Council was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, starting at 7 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairing the meeting, Mayor Calvin Eddy; Deputy Mayor Dan Smith; Councillors Darren Boates, Gail Smith, John Himmelman, Marc Britney and Melinda den Haan; Chief Administrative Officer, Rachel Turner; Director of Finance, Marianne Daine; and Recording Secretary, Sharon McAuley.

Also in attendance were: Jill Cox, Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board; Judy Rafuse and Heather Leeman, Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce.

16.02.01 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

16.02.02 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

160216.01: It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

16.02.03 PRESENTATIONS

.01 Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board– Jill Cox

Jill Cox tabled her report to Council, as the Town of Middleton representative on the board of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL), including:

- the hiring of Ann-Marie Mathieu as the new AVRL CEO;
- the new town library and town hall in Berwick will also house the AVRL headquarters with the move from Bridgetown taking place by March 2017;
- the Kentville Library will be moving to a former downtown church building;
- the Annapolis Royal library will be moving to the former ARRA “Academy” building;
- the proposed new funding plan for distribution of province wide library funding from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, with two of the three options causing a reduction in funding to AVRL.

Jill Cox left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

.02 Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce (AVCC) – Judy Rafuse & Heather Leeman

Judy Rafuse and Heather Leeman provided an:

- overview of the AVCC, its activities, its members and geographic area;
- update on the 2015 AVCC’s Tourism marketing committee activities including funding received, marketing campaign, partnerships developed and statistical results;
- overview of plans for 2016 including partnership development, planning for the celebrations for Canada’s anniversary in 2017 and the 2016 Marketing Strategy.

The AVCC is requesting from the Town of Middleton, a contribution of \$2,000 towards the 2016 AVCC Tourism Marketing Plan. The funding will help develop a new regional map and interactive smart phone app and the continuation of the multi-media campaign to the Maritimes. Two of the four

commercials that ran this summer on CTV in the Maritime Region were then played.

Judy Rafuse and Heather Leeman left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

16.02.04 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

.01 Council – PSPAP Joint Meeting – November 26, 2015

160216.02: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the joint Council – Planning Services Public Advisory Panel meeting of November 26, 2015 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

.02 Council Meeting – January 18, 2016

160216.03: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 18, 2016 be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

16.02.05 NEW BUSINESS

.01 Committee of the Whole Recommendations

- a. Revoking the Appointments of Alfred Doucet, Kathy Barr and Hank Sawchuk as Building/Fire Inspectors

160216.04: It was moved and seconded that Council revoke the appointment of Alfred Doucet as Building and Fire Inspector for the Town of Middleton. Motion carried.

160216.05: It was moved and seconded that Council revoke the appointment of Cathy Barr as Building Inspector for the Town of Middleton. Motion carried.

160216.06: It was moved and seconded that Council revoke the appointment of Hank Sawchuk as Fire Inspector for the Town of Middleton. Motion carried.

- b. RFD 004-2016: MPAL Funding Renewal

160216.07: It was moved and seconded that Council renew the three year contract with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness for the Municipal Physical Activity Leadership Program in the amount of \$25,000/year for three years. Motion carried.

- c. RFD 005-2016: The Big Chill Fundraising Event

160216.08: It was moved and seconded that Council allow access to Gates Mountain Road and Lily Lake Road for use during “The Big Chill” fundraising event on February 27, 2016. Motion carried.

- d. Special Reserve Fund Borrowing - Equipment

160216.09: It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the borrowing of \$10,585.03 from the Equipment Reserve Fund, with repayment over a three year term, at an annual interest rate of 1.51%, to finance the purchase of a jumping jack (\$3,806.44) and a job trailer (\$6,778.59). Motion carried.

e. Special Reserve Fund Borrowing - Facilities

160216.10: It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the borrowing of \$80,695.85 from the Industrial Park Land Special Reserve Fund, with repayment over a five year term, at an annual interest rate of 1.76%, to finance the cost of construction of the storage/washroom building in Centennial Park (\$46,594.33) and the cost of re-shingling the Fire Hall roof (\$34,101.52). Motion carried.

f. Operating Reserve Fund Withdrawal

160216.11: It was moved and seconded that Council authorize the withdrawal of \$7,625.50 from the Operating Reserve Fund, to cover the cost of replacing 110' of 10" SDR35 sanitary sewer main on Main Street. Motion carried.

.02 Debenture Issuance Resolution

160216.12: It was moved and seconded that Council pre-approve a debenture issuance resolution in the amount of ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000), for a period not to exceed a ten-year term and for an average interest rate not to exceed 5.5% for that term, with amounts to be used to finance the purchase of a multi-purpose municipal tractor for the Public Works department. Motion carried.

16.02.06 REPORTS.01 Management

The Management Reports were circulated to all Council members.

.02 RCMP – October 1 to December 31, 2015

The RCMP Report for the period of October 1 to December 31, 2015 was circulated to all Council members.

.03 Planning Services – January 2016

The Planning Services Report for the month of January 2016 was circulated to all Council members.

.04 Budget Variance Report – as of January 29, 2016

The Budget Variance Report for the period ending January 29, 2016 was circulated to all Council members.

CAO Turner and Director of Finance Daine will obtain clarification on the account "DNA Analysis" and if the amount is already covered through funding the RCMP for policing.

.05 Planning Services Public Advisory Panel (PSPAP)

Councillor Boates advised Council members that the PSPAP had met on January 25 and has started reviewing the policies in the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS). The meeting on February 8 was canceled due to the snow storm and the next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2016 where the Panel will continue reviewing the MPS policies.

.06 Valley Waste Resource Management (VWRM)

Councillor Himmelman tabled his report for the month of January 2016

It was noted that that the cost of \$189/household includes twenty- six pick-ups, two special pickups and is the lowest in the province.

.07 Mayor

Mayor Eddy tabled his report for the month of February.

16.02.07 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report for the month of January.

16.02.08 ANYTHING BY MEMBERS

On question from Councillor Himmelman, CAO Turner informed Council that complaints regarding people almost being hit in crosswalks should be directed to the RCMP and not the Town.

Mayor Eddy reminded Council of the following events:

- Planning Services Public Advisory Panel meeting on February 22;
- Committee of the Whole on March 7.

16.02.09 ADJOURNMENT

160216.13: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried.


MAYOR


RECORDING SECRETARY